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D E C L A R A T I O N

I, JULIO C PALMAZ
(Full given name and initial) (Last name)

DECLARE THAT:

I am a citizen/subject of Argentina
residing at San Antonio, Texas
(City, state or foreign country)

I verily believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor or discoverer of the subject matter entitled EXPANDABLE INTRA-LUMINAL GRAFT, AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLANTING AN EXPANDABLE INTRALUMINAL GRAFT described and claimed in the attached specification.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

As to common subject matter of this application and my prior application Serial No. 06/796,009, filed November 7, 1985,

I do not know and do not believe that such common subject matter was ever known or used in the United States before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to such prior application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to such prior application, or patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve* months prior to such prior application;

No application for patent or inventor's certificate on such common subject matter has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, unless one is indicated below (Cite Country, No. & Filing Date. If none, insert "none."): None

First foreign application on such common subject matter, priority of which is claimed: _____

All foreign applications on such common subject matter filed before or after the date of filing such prior application: _____

As to subject matter of this application which is not common to such prior application (non-common subject matter), if any,

I do not know and do not believe that such non-common subject matter was ever known or used in the United States before my invention or discovery thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention or discovery thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to this application, or patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any country foreign to the United States on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve* months prior to this application (*six months for design applications);

No application for patent or inventor's certificate on such non-common subject matter has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, unless one is indicated below (Cite Country, No. & Filing Date. If none, insert "None."): None

First foreign application on such non-common subject matter, priority of which is claimed: _____

All foreign applications on such non-common subject matter filed more than *twelve months before the date of filing this application (*six months for design applications): _____

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose material information which occurred between the filing date of my prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I ACKNOWLEDGE MY DUTY TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION OF WHICH I AM AWARE WHICH IS MATERIAL TO THE EXAMINATION OF THE APPLICATION.

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Date: 10-31-86

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*For designs, strike twelve and insert six.